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Remarks

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested. Claims 1, 2, 4-25 remain in the application and claim 3 is hereby canceled without prejudice. No new claims have been added.

Applicant believes there is no charge for this response because no new claims have been added.

Support for Amendments

As indicated above, the specification has been amended as requested by the Office action and claim 23 has been amended to correct and inadvertent typographical error that was just discovered.

In addition, claims 1, 12, and 21 has been amended. Support for the amendments is shown at least by the examples illustrated in FIG. 2 and described on page 6, line 19, through page 7, line 14-17.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Response to the 35 U.S.C. 5102(b) Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4, 6, 12-13, 16, 19, 23 under 35 U.S.C. 5102(e) as being anticipated by Queslati et al. (US 2002/0105503 A1). Applicant believes this rejection has been overcome in view of the amendments made above and the remarks that follow.

As indicated above, claims 1, 12, and 21 have been amended to recite that the detachable joystick may be stored within the portable communication device when not in use. In contrast, Applicant would like to respectfully point out that the device taught by Queslati et al. does not have this feature. Rather, Queslati et al. teaches the opposite of this feature. For example, Queslati et al. states that

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"joypad 125 is integrated into handheld computer 100 such that it is movably supported by housing 130" and that "... receptical 128 may be configured to receive any of a variety of other graspable portions, such as a dedicated joystick handle, pen tip, or any of a variety of other substantially stiff elements."

Thus, at a minimum, Queslati et al. does not teach or suggest that tip 230 is stored within handheld computer 100 when not in use. Accordingly, Queslati et al. cannot anticipate Applicant's amended claims 1, 12, or 21. Since claims 4, 6, 13, 16, 19, and 23 depend from these claims, they are not anticipated for at least the same reason. Additional arguments to distinguish the cited patent from claims 1, 12 and 21 could have been made, but it is believed that the foregoing discussion is sufficient to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Response to the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejection

The Office Action also rejects the remaining dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Queslati et al. in various combinations with other documents. Without acquiescing as to the appropriateness of the combinations, Applicant would like to point out that in all these rejections, Queslati et al was used to teach features of the independent claim and the other documents were used as the basis for features of the dependent claims.

As explained above, Queslati does not teach or suggest features of claims 1, 12, or 21. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that the other documents do not teach or suggest a detachable joystick that may be stored within the portable communication device when not in use. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed combinations cannot make the dependent claims obvious.

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Conclusion

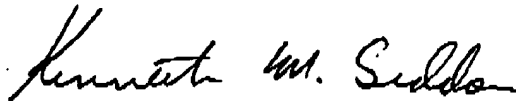
The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, and it is submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-25 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of amended claims 1, 2, 4-25 is earnestly solicited.

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.6 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (480) 554-9732 is respectfully solicited.

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